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REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated January 12, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 12, 2005 (3 month deadline). Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-11 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 4 and 8 stand rejected. The Examiner objected to claims 2, 3, 5-7, and 9-11. By this response, claims 1, 4 and 8, are canceled without prejudice and Applicants reserve the rights to file a continuation application to continue prosecution of these canceled claims. Claims 2, 5, 6, 7, and 9 were rewritten in independent form. In view of the following discussion, the Applicants believe that pending claims 2, 3, 5-7, and 9-11 are now in condition for allowance.

I. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner objected to claims 2, 3, 5-7, and 9-11 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner concludes that these claims would be allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 2, 5, 6, 7, and 9 were rewritten in independent form and are therefore in allowable condition. Claims 3, 10, and 11 are allowable at least by virtue of depending from their respective base claims.

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Conclusion

Thus, the Applicants submit that all of these claims now fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §102 and 35 U.S.C. §103. Consequently, the Applicants believe that all these claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring the maintenance of the present final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Kin-Wah Tong, Esq. at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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